



Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Stella, Vice Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Lutz, Matherne, McMullen, Pratt and Sherwood. Also present were Rep. Nabel; Jennifer Calder, Director of Health; and Jim Federici, Lab Director.

Chair Stella called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PS30.004	REVIEW; Status of State Testing and Reporting Requirements on Water Quality and Consideration of Changes to the City of Stamford Testing and Reporting Requirements. 12/27/17 – Submitted by Rep. Nabel	Report Made

Dr Calder and Mr. Federici discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- The City continues to do water testing upon request, although the ordinance has expired
- The State has revised its statute regarding well water testing result reporting, as shown in the [attached letter](#) and statute
- Arsenic does not appear to be a problem in CT, although Uranium is. There is not enough evidence for her to mandate uranium testing in Stamford at this time.
- Well water testing results are kept confidential; however, the State will release spot maps to a health director
- The state law will enhance the information the City has available to it
- The City is working on putting information about home ownership on the Health Department website and the WPCA website
- Municipal water is governed by the State and test results are monitored by the State
- Using sand vs. salt in the City is a State decision
- There should be a legal opinion as to whether the City has the jurisdiction to require reporting to the City by labs
- The State statute does require reporting of testing results to the City when there is a real estate transaction.
- The City would like to be informed of other testing results

- The City does outreach for testing to residents; people did not respond to City's previous outreach efforts

Rep. Nabel made a formal request that Chair Stella request a legal opinion re: the viability of having private labs report testing results to the City's Health Department in addition to the State. The Committee voted to approve this request (Reps. Stella, Morson, Giordano, Lutz, Matherne, McMullen, Pratt and Sherwood in favor).

Chair Stella adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Stella, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).